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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/580,540	Applicant(s) FUJITA ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,7,8 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4-6 and 9-14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10/11/2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Preliminary Amendment filed on 5/23/2006 has been entered. Claims 1-16 are pending in this Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 3 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakache et al. U.S. Patent 7,103,109 B2.

Regarding claim 1, in column 6 lines 20-30, Nakache et al. teaches in FIG. 9 a system including a pulse generator 910 for generating continuous impulse waveform, a modulator 920 for modulating a continuous pulse using data symbols 940 and an inverter for outputting a pulse modulated by the modulator 920. FIG. 5 further discloses the pulse waveforms at some interval but shorter than a pulse string repetition cycle.

Regarding claim 3, in column 5 lines 60-65, FIG. 5 discloses the pulse is delayed to encode a logical one. In view of that, the pulse generator 910 (FIG. 9) generates at least one of rising delay and falling delay in the pulse waveform generated.

Regarding claim 7, Nakache et al. teachings generate pulse trains for ultra wide bandwidth (UWB) radio signal.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 8 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakache et al. U.S. Patent 7,103,109 B2.

Regarding claim 8, Nakache et al. discloses a transmitting system as disclosed in FIG. 9 embodiment.

In column 9 lines 5-15, Nakache et al. further suggests a flexible design of a multi-user receiver for receiving signal from the transmitting system as disclosed in FIG. 9.

Nakache et al. does not disclose a demodulating unit as set forth in the application claim.

However, because a receiver includes a demodulating unit as well known in the art, therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to further implement a demodulation unit for demodulating the transmission data from the system in FIG. 9.

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Regarding claim 15, claim is rejected on the same ground as for claim 1 and further in view of claim 8 because of similar scope.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 2, 4-6 and 9-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Richards U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0108133 A1.

Mimura et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0240523 A1.

Dowla et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0202230 A1.

Hocter et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0108133 A1.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KHANH C. TRAN whose telephone number is (571)272-

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3007. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shuwang Liu can be reached on 571-272-3036. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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